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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, the Government will examine that also."

Admission fee to the Zoo in Madras.

* 1422 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government sanctioned the increase from one anna to four annas per adult of the admission fee to visit the Zoo at Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir. Outside sanction is not required in regard to the rates of admission fee that may be fixed by the Corporation.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" May I know whether the Government will give any concession in the case of newly married couples visiting the Zoo? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We shall consult the hon. Member Sri V. Balakrishnan with regard to the suggestion made by the hon. Member."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the increase in the rate of the admission fee to visit the Zoo was made by the contractor who had taken the contract from the Corporation of Madras and that the Corporation of Madras was not responsible for the increased rates of admission? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" It is within the power of the Corporation of Madras to increase the rate of admission. Probably it is within their discretion that they have acted."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" மிருகக் காட்சி சாலையில் ஜனங்களை அனுமதிப்பதற்கு பம்பாய் கார்ப்பரேஷன் கட்டணம் வசூலிப்பது கிடையாது. இனாமாகவே அனுமதிக்கிறார்கள். அதேமாதிரி இந்த சர்க்காரும் கார்ப்பரேஷனுக்கு உத்தரவனுப்பி ஜனங்களிடமிருந்து கட்டணம் வசூலிக்காமலிருப்பதற்கு யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We will examine that also."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, the Zoo at Madras is resorted to not only by the people of this State but by visitors from other States also. Admission to the Zoo was once allowed freely. I understand that the Corporation has leased out the right of admission to a private contractor. May I know whether the Government will take steps to see that this system of leasing is abolished and that all people are allowed to visit the Zoo without payment of any fees? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We will examine the whole issue."